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PRODUCTION NOTES

CHARACTERS

JERRY	JOHN LARKIN
JAY	CASILE HUSTING
AL	HERB BUTTERFIELD
JIM	FRED SULLIVAN
	HARVEY HAYS

SOUND

REMARKS

MASTER Attached as broadcast:
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Orchestra Leader

Production Director

Announcer

Agency Producer or Announcer

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MARY: And some nice greens. You like that, don't you?

JERRY: Huh? Yeah...yeah, sure.

MARY: That's the main course. Then, for dessert, we're going to have... Jerry, are you listening to me?

JERRY: (MUSING) Milwaukee, Wisconsin...Doggone, I'd like to know what Jim's doing in (FADE) Milwaukee right now.....

PAUSE

FADE IN SOUND OF TELEPHONE RINGING

JAY: Excuse me, gentlemen. (RECEIVER OFF) Hello, Regional Forester speaking... Oh, it's you, Miss Pearson. No, I'm afraid not. Not this afternoon. I'll be in conference with Ranger Robbins and Al Hammond here... That's right, on the Timber Production War Project.....Just take the calls and I'll tend to 'em later...Thank you..(RECEIVER ON) All right, now. Where were we?

JIM: (CHUCKLING) Sounds a little different from when you used to be a Supervisor, Jay.

JAY: What do you mean, Jim?

JIM: That "I'll attend to them later" business. I recollect years back when we worked on adjoining forests your office door was always open.

JAY: I guess you're right, Jim. But this Regional Forester job just about runs a fellow ragged... I'll tell you one thing, though. This project we're talking about, the Timber Production War Project, that's one thing we can't afford to attend to later. This is something we've all got to pitch in on, today, right now, and I'm not talking about the Forest Service alone. I mean every blessed farmer and individual east of the Great Plains that's got woods and timber that can help fight the war.

AL: Yes, that's right, Jay. But I've noticed our old Ranger friend here has been kind of uneasy ever since he got here. I think we ought to find out what's worrying Jim before we get into a discussion of the Timber War Project.

JAY: Al's work in State and Private Forestry has made him mighty conscious of people's feelings you'll notice, Jim....All right, Jim, what's the trouble?

JIM: Well, frankly, Jay, I've been kinda wondering why you fellas pulled me off my Forest right now when I've got my hands full of war work at home. A fella can't help wonderin', you know.

JAY: That's fair enough, Jim. We thought about that, your work in the Pine Cone. But we're getting started here on a timber production program that's begger than anything in any one forest or in any one State, in this whole country. Bigger and more important, Jim.

AL: That's right, Jim. This war program takes in all the southern States in Region Eight out of Atlanta, Georgia, and all the Lake States here in Region Nine, and Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maryland, Kentucky, and Virginia in Region Seven, out of Philadelphia. Nearly all the States east of the Great Plains as Jay's already pointed out.

JIM: Well, that sounds mighty important all right but where does a plain old Pine Cone Forest Ranger like me tie into a big set-up like that?

JAY: Jim, this Timber Production Was Project is a program designed to assist small mill operators and small forest and woodland owners get out more timber. You've had a whale of a lot of experience with small woods operations, and farmers and other folks who own timber lands, Jim. We want to draw on that experience.

JIM: Assistance to small mill operators and woodland owners, huh? To Keep the timber rolling to war, is that it?

JAY: That's right. Uncle Sam needs timber, Jim....needs it a lot more badly than most people realize.

AL: Here, Jim, let me read part of this letter from the head man on lumber supplies. This is what started the ball rolling, Jim.....

JIM: Go ahead...

AL: I'll just read this part here. (READING) "For the successful prosecution of the war it is absolutely essential that lumber production be maintained at the highest possible limit. Any practical means of stimulating or increasing production of lumber and other needed forest products must be employed....."

JAY: And that's where we come in, Jim - the Forest Service... to help stimulate and increase the production of lumber and other forest products east of the Great Plains. We're cooperating all-out with the War Production authorities to keep the timber rolling, as you put it.

JIM: Yeah, I see. Well, tell me something about this project itself. Who's going to pitch in with us and how's the job to be done?

JAY: The Forest Service is going to have the assistance of all interested Federal and State Agencies, and the lumber industry, and labor.

AL: Yes, Jim. The State forestry men, and the State Agricultural Extension Services - they're all in it with us....

JIM: Fair enough. But I'm interested in how you're going to get out this timber and what's to be done, exactly, for the farmers and other woodland owners who'll also take part in this war program. What about that?

JAY: You would be, Jim. You would be interested in the individual timber owner and so are we. After all, it's his timber Uncle Sam needs and it's his timber that's got to help win this war. Go on, Al, tell Him what the action program will be.

AL: Well, here's the picture, Jim. It's estimated that there are over 7500 small mills in the East with an output of less than 100 thousand feet of lumber a year.

JIM: Hmm. Seems to me a lot of 'em could do better than that with the available timber you've got here in the East.

AL: I haven't finished, Jim. A lot of those 7500 mills are idle most of the time. A great many aren't in operation at all even with this war over a year old.

JIM: Good gravy, then we've got to get more logs to those mills.

JAY: Yes, Jim. We've reached a point where the timber situation is cramping the war job very seriously. We're counting on several million patriotic Americans to help us get out the wood though, and that's comforting.

JIM: Golly, my Pine Cone Forest seems kinda remote and far away when I stack it up in my mind against this job...

JAY: Maybe so, Jim, but it'll be the individual Pine Cone and every other National Forest, and the individual 20, 30, and 40 acre woodlots that'll turn the trick. They all are important in this war, every one of 'em.

JIM: I know. But, you still haven't told me how this Project's going to work?

AL:

AL: Well, there's a great many things we've got to do, Jim. I'll give you some of the highlights...There's the labor angle. In cooperation with the employment agencies we're going to recruit men and women for work in the woods. And we're going to try to see that that labor is put to its most efficient use possible through the help of power saws and other labor-saving equipment.

JAY: And as for the timber itself, we'll keep passing on information to the timber owners and timber buyers, about the war markets and the need for special timber of one kind or another and the like.

JIM: So they can work together, huh, the timber owner and the timber operation? Are the farmers and others going to get any help where they need it most, out there in the woods? I mean, aside from labor.

AL: Yes, Jim, our field men will assist timber owners in marketing their products. We'll show them what trees ought to be cut. We'll help them figure how much timber they've got for sale, and we'll advise them in making good sales and help them with their sale contract

JIM: That's fine, Al, mighty fine....

JAY: There's a lot more to this than we've talked about so far, Jim. There's the matter of equipment and transportation. The Forest Products Laboratory comes into the picture on equipment, with advice and information to sawmill operators on how they can improve their mill layout and operating efficiency. As for transportation, we'll work with the transportation authorities in trying to settle any difficulties that come up in the program.

JIM: Good gravy, looks like everybody's in on this .

JAY: It's that important, Jim. We need timber. Our country needs timber bad.

JIM: I kinda miss one angle though, Jay, in all this talk about more timber production. And it kinda bothers me.

JAY: Yes? What's that, Jim?

JIM: Well, we've been working for forest conservation and good forest practices all these years, Jay. And all along I've been hollering that we ought to meet our timber needs during the war without ruining the land our boys are fighting to defend. Now, I get the impression all that's going to be laid aside.

JAY AND AL LAUGH

JIM: I don't see nothing funny about that, Jay.

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